

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the RCE filed 11/21/2007 & the telephonic interview on 2/15/2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4, 5, 7 and 8 (now renumbered as 1-4).
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

- I. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

II. EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT:

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. James A. Oliff (Reg. No. 27,075) on February 15, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

- a. **Claims 6 and 9 have been cancelled.**
- b. **All previous copies of claims 4, 5 and 7 have been replaced with the following clean copy of claims 4, 5 and 7 amended by the Examiner's amendment.**

4. An image printing system comprising:

an image editing device that carries out editing and printing of images;

a link processing device that allows obtaining a desired image by linking to a WWW server that provides the image to be edited and printed in said image editing device;

a record search device that tabulates records of editing and printing processing that has been carried out using said image editing device on the images obtained from said WWW server, said records including at least one of a first data that indicates how many times each user has accessed a certain type of image and a second data that indicates how many times the image was edited and printed;

a link destination selection device that selects link destinations in said link processing device based on the tabulation results of said record search device and reports this to said link processing device; and

a memory device that stores attribute data of users who have accessed images, wherein

said link processing device sets the link destinations based on the link destinations reported from said link destination selection device,

said records include said first data, and

said record search device searches accessed images which have been accessed by the users belonging to a predetermined attribute within a predetermined range of dates and times, and selects images, which have an access count that is greater than a predetermined value, from said accessed images based on the access counts corresponding to said accessed images, respectively.

5. An image processing method comprising:

an image editing step of carrying out editing and printing of an image;

a link processing step of obtaining a desired image by linking to a WWW server that provides the image to be edited and printed in the said image editing step;

a record step of tabulating records of editing and printing processing that has been carried out by using said image editing step on the image obtained from said WWW server, said records including at least one of a first data that indicates how many times each user has accessed a certain type of image and a second data that indicates how many times the image was edited and printed, and including a third data that indicates the dates and times that images were obtained from said WWW server;

a step of selecting link destinations in said link processing step based on the tabulation results of said record search step;

a step of setting the link destinations in the link processing step based on the selected link destinations;

a step of storing attribute data of users who have accessed images; and
a step of searching accessed images which have been accessed by the users belonging to a predetermined attribute within a predetermined range of dates and times, and selects images, which have an access count that is greater than a predetermined value, from said accessed images based on the access counts corresponding to said accessed images, respectively.

7. An image printing system comprising:

an image editing device that carries out editing and printing of images;

a link processing device that allows obtaining a desired image by linking to a WWW server that provides the image to be edited and printed in said image editing device;

a record search device that tabulates records of editing and printing processing that has been carried out using said image editing device on the images obtained from said WWW server, said records including at least one of a first data that indicates how many times each user has accessed a certain type of image and a second data that indicates how many times the image was edited and printed; and

a link destination selection device that selects link destinations in said link processing device based on the tabulation results of said record search device and reports this to said link processing device; and

a memory device that stores the attribute data of users who have accessed images, wherein

said link processing device sets the link destinations based on the link destinations reported from said link destination selection device,

said records include said second data, and

said record search device searches edited and printed images which have been edited and printed by the users belonging to a predetermined attribute within a predetermined range of dates and times, and selects images, which have an access count that is greater than a predetermined value, from said edited and printed images based on the edit and print counts corresponding to said edited and printed images, respectively.

Contact information

- III. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Maikhanh Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-4093. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 9:00am – 5:30 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Doug Hutton can be reached at (571) 272-4137.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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